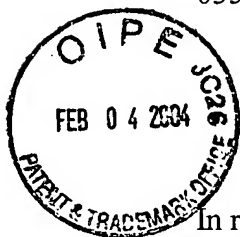


PATENT APPLICATION



In re Application of:

Examiner: L. Tran

Group Art Unit: 2853

February 4, 2004

For: INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS
AND HANDLING METHOD
THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

LETTER FORWARDING SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith a substitute specification. The substitute specification incorporates changes to the specification to correct minor grammatical, idiomatic and spelling informalities. A marked-up copy of the original specification, showing the matter added and deleted in the substitute specification, is also submitted herewith.

Applicants' undersigned attorney has reviewed the substitute specification and submits that the substitute specification contains no new matter.

Applicants believe that no fees should be incurred in connection with filing this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fees be required.

Favorable consideration is requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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